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In re application of:

**PETER KUSHNER, PAUL WEBB, RENEE  
WILILARD, C. ANTHONY HUNT, and  
GABRIELLA LOPEZ**

Application No.: **09/729,478**

Filed: **12/04/2000**

For: **METHODS FOR SCREENING  
COMPOUNDS FOR ESTROGENIC  
ACTIVITY**

Examiner: Elizabeth Kemmerer, Ph.D.

Art Unit: 1646

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated December 13, 2001, containing a Restriction Requirement. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for four months; and
- 2) A PTO Form 1449 and associated references (Information Disclosure Statement.

**REMARKS**

In the December 13, 2001 Office Action the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- Group I: Claims 1-11, drawn to a method of screening a test compound for the ability to activate transcription through an indirect estrogen response;
- Group II: Claim 12, drawn to an estrogen agonist;
- Group III: Claims 13-16, drawn to a method of screening a test compound for the ability to inhibit transcription through an indirect estrogen response;
- Group IV: Claim 17, drawn to a compound that inhibits transcription through an indirect estrogen response;